

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. MBHB02-742-F (400/131))

## PATENT

IN THE APPLICATION OF: )  
McSwiggen et al. )  
Serial No. 10/665,951 ) Examiner: Bowman, Amy H.  
Filed: September 18, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Title RNA INTERFERENCE MEDIATED ) Confirmation 8325  
INHIBITION OF VASCULAR ) No.:  
ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR AND )  
VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH )  
FACTOR RECEPTOR GENE EXPRESSION )  
USING SHORT INTERFERING NUCLEIC )  
ACID (siNA) )

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAILED OCTOBER 2, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2006, Applicant hereby submits the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the remarks submitted herewith. Applicant submits herewith the fee for filing an RCE and the fee for a three month extension of time. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**Amendment to the specification** is on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the pending claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.